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EUSIPA members re-elect Heike Arbter as chair, name Georg von Wattenwyl as vice chair, as they mark EUSIPA's first 15 years

The European Structured Investment Product Association (EUSIPA) entered into its 15th successful year by re-electing long-standing chair Heike Arbter and naming Georg von Wattenwyl as its new vice chair at EUSIPA's first gathering of 2024 in Munich last week.

Arbter, who is responsible for the entire retail structured products business of Raiffeisen Bank International Group and continues to be involved also in the Austrian sector association, said:



"It makes me very proud to have been entrusted with leading our industry's European trade body for another term. The current market environment allows the asset class of structured products to fully play out its advantages for the benefit of investors. This is something we like to see reflected also in the ongoing European legislative and regulatory efforts of which we are supportive as far as they deliver on the promise of truly opening capital markets on a broad basis to retail customers. The involvement of EUSIPA and its positioning towards any such initiatives will thus remain of paramount importance to us."

Von Wattenwyl, who also presides over the Swiss sector association and in January became Global Head Structured Solutions Financial Institutions at Vontobel, added:

"Bringing investors to capital markets requires trust on both sides. We as an industry have mastered this for many years with success, not only but particularly also in Europe. The digital age that we are living in though holds challenges and opportunities for the distribution of financial products, especially when looking at the next generation of investors. The collective power of EUSIPA's national member associations in setting market standards, providing knowledge and deliver transparent reporting can help navigating these. I am very delighted to contribute to this task in my new role."



EUSIPA members also confirmed the board mandates of **Joakim Alpius** from Sweden, **Jean-Philippe Cavois** from France, **Zak de Mariveles** of the United Kingdom, **Florence Devleeschauer** from Belgium, **Nicola Francia** from Italy, **Jürg Stähelin** from Switzerland, **Christian Vollmuth** from Germany and **Frank Weingarts** from Austria for another two-year term. They thanked each of them for their contribution to the work of the association.

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About EUSIPA

EUSIPA is the European umbrella organisation for issuers of listed structured investment products on the retail market. EUSIPA's membership consists of national associations from Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands and the United Kingdom. Together these associations work to ensure a fair regulatory framework for the certificates and warrants markets, while promoting product transparency and education. EUSIPA is actively engaged in promoting Europe-wide standards throughout the sector. For more information, please visit www.eusipa.org.

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